

# The McLean News



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## McLean Reminder

**BOY SCOUT** Popcorn is here. Watch for a bag on your front door for donating food to several charitable groups in McLean. The Scouts will be by on Saturday, December 14 to pick up your donations.

**SENIORS LUNCHEON**, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Bring a dish and a friend.

**WATCH FOR** a bag on your front door for donating food to several charitable groups in McLean. The Scouts will be by on Saturday, Dec. 14 to pick up your donations.

**SCHOOL WILL** be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

**THE ELEMENTARY** School will be performing in a Christmas program on Friday, Dec. 20 at 10:00 a.m.

**THE TIGERS** basketball team will be traveling to Ft. Elliott for a tourney on Thursday - Saturday, Dec. 12-14. Times have not been announced.

**THE CUBS** will be facing Valley at home. Tip off will be at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16.

**THE HEALD** Methodist Church Christmas Eve Candlelight service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**THE MCLEAN** United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Communion Service will be held at 6:00 p.m.

**THE MCLEAN** Chapter of A.A., N.A. and ALANON will meet on Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church. Anyone from the area is welcome to attend.

## McLean Woman Severely Injured In Car Accident

Ronda Kay Hensley, 48, of McLean lost control of her Ford pickup truck when she was traveling east on U.S. Highway 60, a mile east of Pampa. Adverse weather conditions were blamed for the accident.

On Wednesday, December 4, at about 1 p.m. Ms. Hensley's 1996 Ford F-150 went into skid. It slid into a bar ditch, on the south side of the road and slammed into a tree.

Snowy conditions hampered the rescue effort. Ambulance personnel, Pampa firefighters and Jordan Unit employees worked against the elements for more than hour in extricating Ms. Hensley from the wreckage. The impact was focused on the driver's side of the vehicle. The dashboard was pressed onto the chest of the victim.

The rescue effort was a complicated and often-frustrating affair. Rescue personnel encountered various problems in addition to the adverse weather conditions. Even removing the top of the pickup truck failed to free Ms. Hensley.

She finally had to be pulled out over the back seat. The rescue officials were aided by bystanders who blocked the victim from the freezing wind using blankets and coats. It was fortunate the Ms. Hensley was dressed in thermal coveralls and a coat which likely saved her from hypothermia.

Ms. Hensley was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center suffering from multiple injuries. Her condition was described as critical. She is an employee of the Jordan Prison Unit.

## McLean Shelter Not Helter Skelter

by Ben Reeves

McLean's Red Cross Emergency Shelter provided essential and welcomed assistance to more than 25 stranded, weary and distressed travelers caught in the midst of Tuesday's "Ice-Capades 2002."

At approximately 7:15 pm, prompted by extremely hazardous road conditions, the Gray County sheriff's Department notified Mindy Reeves, McLean's Red Cross Emergency Services Coordinator, to open the McLean Shelter Facility. By 7:30 pm the shelter was open, whereupon distressed motorists began arriving almost immediately and continuing throughout the night ferried by some very busy State Troopers.

Air mattresses and blankets were provided to all who wanted to sleep, or at least lie down. Families

were provided private sleeping rooms, the open dormitory was provided a degree of privacy by making cubicles; using folding tables laid on their sides. Although certainly not the Ritz, it looked mighty good to some weary and bleary-eyed people. Some of the guests were able to catch some very refreshing winks and were appreciative of the provisions that were provided.

The well-supplied pantry and kitchen provided much more than just food for thought. However, there was much food for thought expressed by many grateful folk in many sincerely appreciative ways. I'm sure that some will forever remember that friendly little town in Texas that helped.

See Shelter, pg. 10



Nick Jones



Trent Cadra



Josh Seymour

## Players Named To All-District Team

Three members of the McLean Tiger football team have been selected to the District 1 All-District team.

Josh Seymour, Senior was named second team offense in the Spreadback position. Trent Cadra, Junior was named second team offense as a tight end.

Nick Jones, Sophomore was named second team defense as a lineman.

Congratulations on a job well done!

## Council Has Busy Agenda

The City Council of McLean met in regular session Monday, December 9th, 2002 in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and opened with an invocation by Lavon Watson at 6:05 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Martin, LaVon Watson, Jim McDonald, Doyle Lee and Joe Lamb.

Others present: Toni Bohlar, Jim Adams, Chet Bohlar, Allen Mixon, Mindy Reeves, Dan Eggers and Boots Stone.

The minutes of the November meetings were approved with one change to the special minutes concerning the time that the council entered into executive session.

All motions were unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

Sewer Plant - No progress, clay pit too wet, waiting for it to dry out so that work can begin.

City Water - Test results for nitrates came back at 3.9, well below the accepted level.

The council voted on a community service training policy that states employees will only be paid for time off

for training seminars, i.e. fire dept., only if the agency head certifies that the training is necessary to keep the employee employed in his/her current duties.

The council voted to accept the Bank of Commerce bid as the City's depository for the next two year period, beginning January 1, 2003 until December 31, 2004.

Joe Lamb entered the meeting at this time.

Vacant Alderman Position - Joe Lamb made the motion that the person with the next highest votes that ran for election should fill the vacant position, the motion died for lack of a second. Doyle Lee made a motion to appoint Frank (Butch) Warner as alderman, seconded by Jim McDonald - voting for Doyle Lee, Jim McDonald and Lavon Watson, voting against Joe Lamb. Butch Warner was voted in as alderman until the May election.

The council voted to approve Ordinance #2R7 setting the sewer rates as follows: All residences & businesses that use under 20,000 gallons of water a month will be \$8.00.

All residences & businesses that use over

20,000 gallons a month will be \$10.00.

Outside the City limits, customers utilizing the sewer system will be as follows:

Residences & businesses under 20,000 gallons a month will be \$10.00.

Residences & businesses over 20,000 gallons a month will be \$12.00.

These rates effective beginning January 1, 2003.

The council voted to approve Ordinance #288 setting the water rates as follows:

Customers inside the City limits of McLean will be charged as follows:

Minimum charge 0 - 3000 gallons will be \$9.50 and \$1.00 per thousand thereafter 3001

4000 \$10.50

4001-5000 \$11.50 etc.

Customers outside the City limits of McLean will be charged Two Dollars (\$2.00) per meter more than the rates for users in the City limits.

These rates effective beginning January 1, 2003.

The council voted to give full time employees a \$100.00 Christmas bonus and full time part-time

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## McLean Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 12 - Boyd Lee Thompson, Bobby Sanderson.  
 December 13 - Creed Lamb.  
 December 14 - Sheri Haynes, Jeff Pike.  
 December 15 - Tony Smitherman, David Woods, Jo Blaylock, Joe Creed Lamb, Heather Wilson, Michelle Basham, Mary Basham, Wendy Morris.  
 December 16 - Clint Herndon.  
 December 17 - Dorothea Bybee, Wanda Hill.  
 December 18 - Colt Patterson.

**THE MCLEAN**  
 Alanreed Area Museum will be hosting an Open House on Friday, Dec. 13 from 3 pm. - 5 pm.



### MCLEAN BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

Week of December 16 - December 19  
**BREAKFAST:**

Monday: French toast, sausage, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.

Tuesday: Yogurt, teddy grahams, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.

Wednesday: Muffins, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.

Thursday: Hot or cold cereal, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.

Friday: Cinnamon rolls, toast and jelly, fruit juice and milk.

**LUNCH:**

Monday: Corn dogs, baked beans, veggie sticks, peach cobbler and milk.

Tuesday: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, veggie sticks, crackers, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and milk.

Thursday: Steak sandwich, lettuce, tomato and onions, french fries, rice krispie treats and milk

## Mary Bybee Honored For Volunteer Work

Recently McLean resident Mary Bybee was honored by the Amarillo news for her volunteer work with the Loaves and Fishes program. Mary has worked with Loaves and Fishes for four years. Mary was nominated for Volunteer of the Day by Betty Morgan. Betty said she nominated Mary because although four churches help with Loaves and Fishes rotate weeks of preparing and delivering the meals, but Mary is the one who is there every day to

make sure that meals get out. She has severe arthritis which makes standing and walking painful, but she goes on despite the discomfort. Mary's duties with Loaves and Fishes includes planning menus and helping prepare the approximately 40 meals that are delivered each weekday. Mary said she loves knowing that the older people in the community are getting at least one hot meal a day. She said it makes her feel good to see their faces light up when she visits for

just a few minutes with them.

Mary has been a blessing to our community and we are all proud of the recognition she has received. Thank you Mary for your hard work and thank you Betty for bringing it to the communities attention.

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### Christmas Activities


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Ballet will be Nutcracker at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium on December 13 at 8 pm, December 14 at 3 and 8 pm and December 15 at 2 and 6 pm. Now in its 32nd year, this production of Tchaikovsky's ballet has a cast of 100 and is sponsored by the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation. The music is provided by the Amarillo Symphony and features \$1 million in sets and costumes. For more information call 372-2463.

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra will return to Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium with "Christmas Eve and Other Stories" on December 19 at 7:30 pm. The story is of a lonely young man visited by a stranger who tells of an Angel sent to Earth at Christmas. Last year's program sold out. For more information call 378-3096.

On December 31, The Harrington Discovery Center at 1200 Streit Dr. is hosting a New Year's Eve "Balloon Drop" beginning at 9:30 am till 1:30 pm. For more information call 355-9547.

*The*  
**Heald United**  
*Methodist Church*  
 invites you to their *Christmas Eve*  
*Candle Light Service at 7:00*



### McLean Church Directory

**Church of Christ 4th & Clarendon**  
 779-2548  
 Sunday Bible School 10 am  
 Worship 10:40 am & 6 pm, Wed. Bible Class 7:30

**First Assembly of God 4th & Main**  
 Pastor Dean Williamson 779-2221  
 Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45 Children's Church  
 Sunday Evening 7:00, Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m.  
 Children, Youth @ 6:00 & Adult Bible Study @ 7:00

**First Baptist Church 206 E. 1st**  
 Reverend Carl Cox  
 779-2175  
 Sunday School 9:45; Worship 11 am & 7pm, (Youth)  
 & Wed. Bible Study, Prayer Meeting 7 pm

**United Methodist Church 2nd & Gray**  
 Pastor Thackler Haynes 779-2049 & 779-2337  
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:50 am & 6 pm  
 Sun. Sr. High Youth Alpha Chi 5 pm, Wed. Choir 7:00 pm

**Heald United Methodist Church**  
 Kellerville Road Sunday 9:15

**Trinity Baptist Church 603 Commerce**  
 Pastor Larry Perkins 779-3207  
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm,  
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm

## CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING

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## New Tests On The Horizon For 2002-2003 School Students

The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) became effective on September 1, 1998. As a result, the state aligned the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) to reflect changes in the curriculum. The alignment of the TAAS to the TEKS was reflected in the tests administered in the spring of 2000. The TAAS was administered for the last time during the 2001-2002 school years. Beginning in the 2002-2003 school year, students take the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), a more-comprehensive, more-challenging examination than the TAAS.

The objectives and student expectations addressed on the TAKS are taken directly from the TEKS. The TAKS program, like the TEKS curriculum, is vertically aligned, meaning the tests become more rigorous as students advance from grade to grade.

The TEKS outline the "scope and sequence" of what students are supposed to learn at each grade level. The TEKS indicate what students should learn and when they should learn it. The TEKS replaced the Essential Elements (EE's), the prior curriculum/scope and sequence used in Texas

The original Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tested specific skills found in the EE's. Later, the TAAS was revised to address specific skills found in the TEKS.

TEA rewarded and penalized schools and districts based on their TAAS performance and the same will be true of TAKS. Exemplary ratings on TAAS earned additional funding from TEA. In 2002, TEA awarded about \$500,000 to various districts for gains in performance.

The TAKS is a more-comprehensive, more-challenging examination than the TAAS. The objectives and student expectations addressed on the TAKS are taken directly from the TEKS. The TAKS also includes different question types than those found in the TAAS and attempts to ask questions in more authentic ways.

Children in Grade 3 during 2002-03 must pass TAKS reading assessment to be promoted to Grade 4. These same students must satisfy additional requirements in Grade 5 in 2004-05 and in Grade 8 in 2007-08.

Grade 11 tests required for graduation include: (1) Mathematics, including at least Algebra and geometry with the aid of technology;

(2) English language arts including at least English III and writing; (3) Social studies including early American and US history; (4) Science including at least biology and integrated chemistry and physics.

A new exit-level exam will be administered and will be required at Grade 11 beginning in the 2003-04 school year.

These changes reflect the educational attitude stressed by President Bush in saying, "We will leave no child behind."

### Jr. High Girls

The following are the stats from recent games:  
11/11 vs. Hedley Hedley, 43, McLean 12

Scoring: Stephanie Henson, 4; Amanda Loya, 4; Brooke Seymour, 2; Nikki Alvarez, 2.

11/18 at Groom. Groom, 50, McLean, 10

Scoring Tamara Loya, 6; Amanda Fricks, 2; Amanda Loya, 2.

11/25 vs. Ft. Elliot. Ft. Elliot, 57, McLean 12  
Amanda Loya, 6; Tamara

Loya, 4; Amanda Fricks, 2.  
12/2 at Samnorwood Samnorwood, 42, McLean, 34

Tamara Loya, 19; Amanda Fricks, 9; Amanda Loya, 6.

12/9 vs. Miami Miami, 45, McLean, 22

Tamara Loya, 8; Amanda Fricks, 7; Amanda Loya, 6; Samantha Krueger, 1.

The next game is versus Valley at McLean at 6 pm. on December 16.



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Lose an hour in the morning, and you will be all day looking for it.  
—Richard Whately  
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## Girls Basketball Results

The following are the stats from recent games:  
11/12 @ Follett Follett, 70, McLean, 13

Danielle Dampier, 6; Shaley Steel, 4; Lindsey Ruiz, 2; Emily Bolin, 1.

11/19 vs. Pampa Academy McLean, 38, Pampa Academy 34

Danielle Dampier, 14; Shaley Steel, 10; Keisha Menefield, 10; Jennifer Greer, 4.

11/21 @ Lefors Tournament Lefors, 39, McLean, 31  
Shaley Steel, 9; Danielle

Dampier, 7; Jennifer Greer, 4; Keisha Menefield, 4; Lindsey Ruiz, 3.

11/22 @ Lefors Tournament Pampa Academy, 31 McLean, 20

Danielle Dampier, 8; Emily Bolin, 4; Keisha Menefield, 4; Shaley Steel, 2; Jennifer Greer, 2.

11/26 @ Pampa Academy Pampa Academy, 43 McLean, 33

Shaley Steel, 17; Danielle Dampier, 6; Keisha Menefield, 4; Jennifer Greer, 2; Emily Bolin, 2;

### McLean Cubs Lose To Miami

In a battle that went down to the wire, the Cubs lost by one point being defeated by Miami, 38-37. The coach said that the Cubs played as hard as they had ever played. He said, "I'm very proud of the way they are working and how much better basketball players they are becoming."

Scoring was: Z. Richardson, 13; L. Sparling, 13; J. Haynes, 4; T. Skipper, 4; J. Tolleson, 2; R. Alexander, 2.

The McLean-Alanreed Area Museum would like to invite you to an Open House on Friday, December 13 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Come by and check us out!

## Christmas Is Coming!

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Over the past three and a half years, there has been such an outpouring of love and prayers from this community that words cannot adequately express our heartfelt gratitude. WE could not have made it through our time of trial without your support. The prayers were our greatest source of strength. The many cards, phone calls and visits always assured us that we had friends who love us. That kept our hopes high. In the past months, you have fed us and helped with trips to Amarillo for treatments. Thank you so much for your generosity. Thank you for the food that you so loving prepared for our family.

A special thank you to those of you who took time to come and visit or sit with Ted through the night. You will never know how precious each act of love and kindness is to my family and me. Your love is a reflection of God's love and I thank Him for that Daily

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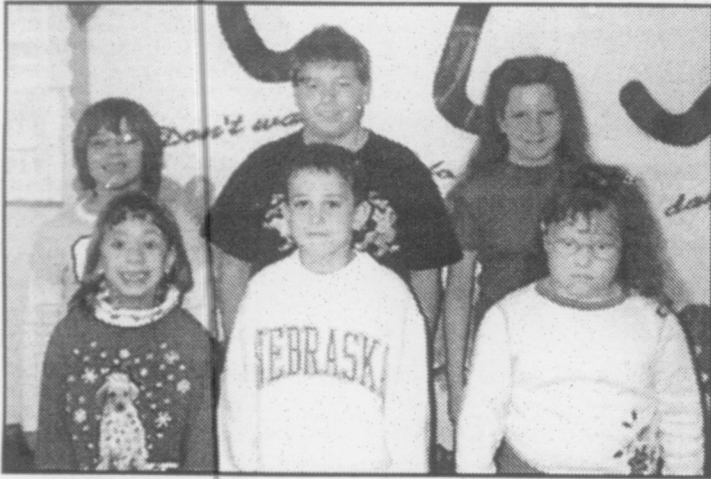


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Students of the Week December 2 - December 6: Kindergarten-Kendalyn Richardson; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade-Jordan McLain; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-Karla Lee; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-Taylor Fish; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Erin Vassey; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Amber Staton; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Tanner Wilhelm; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Stephen Ingle



### Juniors & Seniors Tie For First Place

To promote spirit in the school, grades 8 - 12 had a door decorating contest. The winners were awarded a

pizza party for their class. The results were a tie between the Juniors and the Sophomores.

The Juniors theme was "Welcome to the Jungle." The Sophomores was "Tiger Lair."

### SHELTER

For those in the community who are not acquainted with the McLean Red Cross Emergency Shelter, it is located in the basement of the First Baptist Church. It is operated under the rules and regulations of the American Red Cross. Mindy Reeves, a resident of McLean, is the local coordinator. When asked, what can folks do to help?

Mrs. Reeves replied, "We could use more air

mattresses, linens, magazines and videos, should anyone wish to donate." She would also like to thank the First Baptist Church Pastor Carl Cox and his wife Christy for their help and support.

The good people of McLean can and should be proud of "a job well done" by our shelter servants. Be assured that our shelter is not Helter-Skelter.

## Museum Welcomes 205

by Davie Gipson

November was a rather slow month with only 205 visitors. They came from 26 states with eleven people from 6 foreign countries. These countries were: Canada, Poland, France, Germany, Thailand and Honduras.

The British Broadcasting Company had two appointments to tour the

museum for a documentary but had to cancel both times due to illness. They are now scheduled for December 8. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and everyone will be well so they can keep this date.

We ended November with an open door! The front door almost fell in and the volunteers on duty were glad Bob Glenn was there to

get it back in place enough to bet it locked. Naturally, I called Delbert to come to our aid and he repaired it on Dec. 2. Why is it that when I call him just for a friendly chat, upon hearing my voice, he always asks, "Now what's broke?" "Thanks Bob for helping "Thanks again Delbert" for all you do to keep the museum running as smoothly as it does.

### COUNCIL

employees a \$50.00 Christmas bonus.

The council discussed city property on Block F. The Mayor will go visit with the City's attorney concerning this issue.

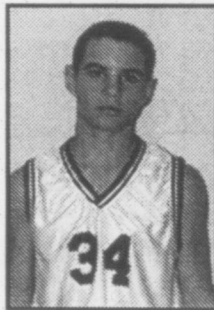
By unanimous consent the council agreed to pay the bills.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

# 2002 MCLEAN TIGERS & LADY TIGERS

## Super Fans

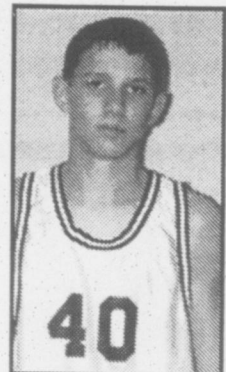
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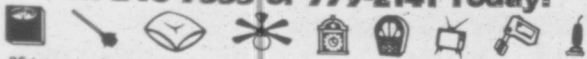
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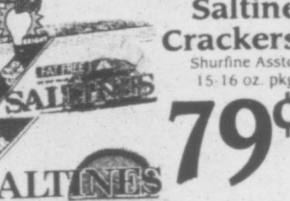
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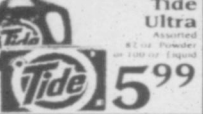
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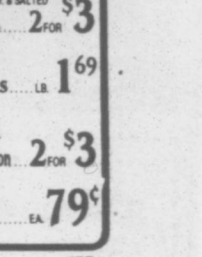
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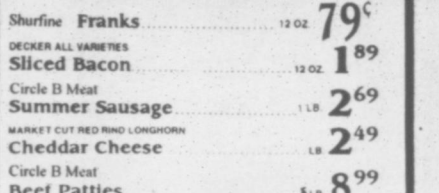
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## Community Calendar

**GROOM SCHOOLS** have begun tutorials for the TAKS test after school. School will be dismissed at 2:55 starting December 9. Students in tutorials will be released at 3:25.

**GROOM SCHOOL** will be taking semester tests next week beginning on December 18. School will release at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Students will return to class on Friday, January 3.

**GROOM SENIOR** Citizens will have their annual Christmas luncheon Tuesday, December 17. Anyone who attends is asked to bring a gift (value \$5 or less). Men should buy men's gifts and women should buy women's gifts. There will be no lunch on December 24 or 31.

**DON'T FORGET** to vote for your favorite decorated home in Groom's Holiday Decor Contest. Ballots are in this week's paper.

**GROOM LIBRARY** will have a holiday open house on December 17 from 3-5 p.m.

**IMMACULATE HEART** of Mary Catholic Church will hold their Christmas program on December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST** Church will be caroling throughout Groom in a horse drawn carriage on December 15. Plan to leave from the church at 5:00 p.m. The youth group will carol at a nursing home in Amarillo on December 18.

**FIRST UNITED** Methodist Church will have the Children's Christmas program on December 18 at 6:00 p.m.

## Groom Receives First Snowfall Of The Season



This snowman was found in the yard at the home of Scott and Pam Brown. Looks like somebody enjoyed the snow!

The Groom area received about five inches of snow last week. While the moisture was greatly appreciated by area farmers, local law enforcement officers were not as enthusiastic.

Trooper Chris Ray reports that they worked 10-15 accidents and countless motorist assists (pulling people out of ditches, etc.) Numerous calls were made for wrecker service as icy conditions worsened when the temperature rose enough during the day on Wednesday to cause slight melting. This made roads very slick. At one point on

Wednesday night, traffic was backed up from the Oklahoma state line all the way to Amarillo in both east and west bound lanes, due to accidents and overturned trucks.

Troopers and County Sheriff's deputies stayed

very busy for at least 48 hours clearing backed up traffic and working accidents. Groom's highway department also worked around the clock to clear snow from all the major roads. Groom's ambulance department was called out from time to time to check for injuries in some of the accidents, but luckily, no severe injuries required a trip to the hospital.

Groom's Old Route 66 was lined with trucks and travelers waiting out the storm and delays. The two motels each had a full house and The First Baptist Church opened its doors to weary travelers.

School was delayed during both days of the storm for an hour and buses did not run. Local children enjoyed the extra time and several were seen making snowmen and having good old-fashioned snowball fights. (A few adults joined in the fun!)

The Panhandle missed the storm on Sunday that dumped snow on the South Plains area. Another front is expected in the area on Thursday. Weather forecasters are predicting the storm will stay north of the Panhandle.

## Commission Accepts Bid On Property

The Carson County Commissioners' Court met December 9 with the following commissioners present: Presiding County Judge Lewis W. Powers; Mike Britten, Commissioner, Pr. #1; Kenneth Ware, Commissioner #2; Jerry Strawn, Commissioner #3; Kevin Howell, Commissioner #4. Minutes of the November 25, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

The motion carried to pay all claims. The court discussed railroad crossings. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Company is in the process of repairing and improving several junctures throughout the county. Sheriff Gary Robertson petitioned the court to move money within that budget to fund computer related expenditures. The motion carried to transfer

\$279.50 from the Crime Scene line item and \$279.50 from Miscellaneous.

Bids were taken for property in Groom. The court accepted the proposal from Bobby Babcock in the amount of \$4207.69 for Lots 7-12, Block 65, Old Town Groom. The commission voted to accept the bid. The county will pay for title insurance and the county attorney will prepare the warranty deed.

Treasurer Jeanie Cunningham presented that office's October report. The commission voted to acknowledge the account.

Tax Assessor-Collector Barbara Cosper reported that 77.69% of the taxes have been collected as of November 30, 2002.

Court adjourned on December 20, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Emergency Management Room of the courthouse.



## Fields, Ratterree Among District 1 All-District Selections

Doug Fields and Bobby Ratterree head up the list of players from Groom receiving all-district football honors. Fields was honored as 2<sup>nd</sup> team running back and 2<sup>nd</sup> team linebacker. Doug gained over 1,200 yards rushing on the season with 14 touchdowns and recorded 89 tackles in only nine games.

Bobby Ratterree was honored as 2<sup>nd</sup> team tight end. Bobby averaged 27 yards per catch this year for the Tigers and recorded three touchdowns.

Several other Tigers gained Honorable Mention honors. Seniors Lance Ollinger, Cody Babcock and Brett Britten all were on the list.

"This is a great honor for all of these boys," said Coach Toby Tucker. "The All-District Team is selected by the other coaches in the district and is something special to be on."

Groom was also selected as the Sportsmanship Team of the Year in the District. "This is just a reflection of the type of quality kids we

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HAVE YOU been naughty or have you been nice? "Santa Saw" will be returning to The Groom News in the first week in December! Be on your "best" behavior so you won't make the naughty list! (Friendly Informers welcome!)



## Local Happenings

Former Groom coach Larry Reid took his new team, Ackerly Sands, to the 6-man state semifinals last week. Sands lost to Sanderson 58-16. Congratulations on an outstanding season. We wish you the best of luck next year.

**ILL OR RECOVERING**  
 Agnes Homer  
 Rosa Lopez  
 The Welch babies  
 Evelyn Ollinger

### Mail Early To Insure Delivery

Groom Postmaster Ginger Rawlins reminds everyone to get their holiday cards and packages in the mail as soon as possible!

"Military and overseas packages should be mailed no later than December 16. Priority and Express Mail are advised for any package that goes out after the 20<sup>th</sup> of December," she said.

She also reminded everyone to check their addresses and zip codes for accuracy in order to insure proper delivery.



### The Welch's Welcome Twins In Time For Christmas

The Welch family welcomed twin boys on November 27, 2002. Proud parents are Chris and Robin Welch.

Aaron Lee was born at 9:30 p.m. He weighed 4 lb. 15 oz. and was 17 1/2 in. long. Trey James was born at 9:39 p.m. He weighed 4 lb. 6 1/2 oz. and was 17 3/4 in. long.

Grandparents are William and Joan Musser of Groom and Carolyn Rust of Marshall, Texas.

The boys are welcome home by their big sister Rileigh and big brother Trenton.

Aaron is currently at home. Trey is still in the neonatal intensive care unit.

## Groom School Breakfast And Lunch Menus

Week of December 16 - December 20

### BREAKFAST:

Monday: Cold cereal, muffins, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Pancakes, peanut butter, sausage, juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast burritos, hash brown potatoes, juice and milk.

Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, bacon, juice and milk.

Friday: Doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, juice and milk.

### LUNCH:

Monday: Fajitas, sauteed onions and green peppers,

lettuce and tomato, applesauce and milk.

Tuesday: Burritos w/chili, bean dip, fruit cocktail, tortilla pieces and milk.

Wednesday: Nachos, pinto beans, sopapillas w/honey and milk.

Thursday: Stew, pears, crackers, corn bread and milk.

Friday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, crackers and milk.



### GROOM BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 12 - John Stephens, Floyd Wills, Barbie Bowen.

December 13 - Patsy Fraser, Janyth Bowers.

December 14 - Bill Hinson, Pamela Davis, Ann Mitchell.

December 15 - Scott Weinheimer, Christopher Linquist.

December 16 - David Lee Britten, Katrina S. Meaker.

December 17 - Renee Anthony, Brent Stephens, Verda Lee Littlefield.

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# Santa Saw



**NAUGHTY:**

Joe Homer aggravating the Editor of The Groom News.

Truckers who go too fast on slick roads making our DPS Troopers life miserable.

Kids who have not told Mom and Dad what they want for Christmas yet.

**NICE:**

A cute little blonde "elf" cleaning the newspaper lady's house.

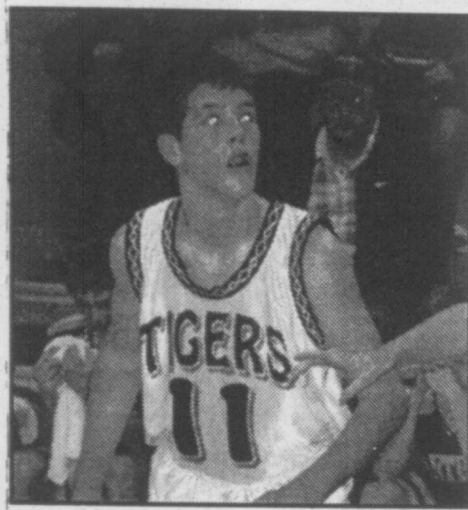
Forrest McLaughlin patiently hanging Christmas lights under the direction of his wife Patti.

Stan Britten and his boys visiting Groom.

A. J. Newsome running errands for his lovely wife, Leona.

Bronie Britten helping out his mom Sharon by picking up her mail.

Jack Barnett waiting patiently for his wife to finish shopping at Hobby Lobby.



**GO TIGERS**

**GROOM HIGH** School basketball teams will compete in the Ft. Elliott Tournament this week beginning on Thursday.

**GROOM JUNIOR** High plays host to the Valley Patriots on Monday, December 16. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

## Twas The Week Before The Christmas Edition

A parody, By Donna Burton

'Twas the week before the Christmas edition, And all through the office not a creature was stirring, not even the boss's.

The Christmas Greeting books were laid on the counter with care, with hopes that customers soon would be there.

I and my assistant were both slumped in our chairs, while visions of "quitin" time" dance in our heads. Tammy with her keyboard and I with my pen had just about decided to settle for "zip" again.

When out in the street their rose such a clatter, I sprang from my chair to see what was the matter!

Away to the door I flew in a flash... ripped open the door to the street in a dash! When what to my wondering eyes did appear but a four door-ed Dooley and a guy named "John Deere"

His clothes were dusty, from his head to his foot and his pick-up was covered in ashes and soot. He had a big broad face and a great round belly that shook when he laughed like it just might pop... and I laughed when I saw him till I was ready to drop!

With a wink in his eye and a twist of his head, he gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work... with a nod of his head, he gave the pick up door a jerk!

More rapid than eagles they spilled out the doors and filed into the office by twos... and then... by fours!

Greetings... and Happenings... and News they did share. I just kept writing and writing till my tablet was bare. When my paper was full, John gave a little whistle and the crowd flew to the pick-up like the down on a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight... "Don't forget Your Christmas Greeting or "Yourself" you will be cheating... Merry Christmas to all and don't get a beating!"

### City of Groom Christmas Lighting Contest

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE HOME

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### Gift Ideas

**Online Auctions**

(NAPS)—If someone on your holiday gift list is sold on online auctions, or perhaps just hankering to place that first bid, a comprehensive guide to the Internet's biggest and most popular auction site might be just the present to get things going, going, gone!

**eBay Dummies** for **eBay Dummies** (Wiley Publishing, \$21.99), by Marsha Collier, goes beyond the simple how-to behind eBay and gives readers the insight on how to maximize prices when selling and how to win when bidding.

eBay, formally known as an "online trading community," has more than 42 million registered users and is responsible for sales of more than \$5 billion in merchandise each year.

### ATTENTION: DOG OWNERS

We have received numerous complaints concerning dogs roaming the streets late at night in the city limits of Groom. These animals are disturbing the peace on a nightly basis. Some property owners have threatened to take these matters into their own hands.

This is your only warning. If these animals are identified, you will be ticketed!

Please keep your beloved pets home. If you do not want to take care of the animal, donate it to the animal shelter, rather than risk a fine or injury to your pet.

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# Groom Plays In Vega Tournament

Groom Cagers competed in the Vega Tournament last week. The Ettes won the Consolation Bracket. Amanda Conrad was named to the All-Tournament Team. Conrad averaged 20 points per game.

The girls had their only loss of the tournament during their first game against Happy.

Maloric Homen took high point honors with 20 points. Amanda Conrad added another 19. Brin Burgin put 8 points on the scoreboard. Lauren Crowell added 4 and Staci Britten 3. The final score was 73-54.

The Ettes roared past Texline in the second match 70-38. Staci Britten was high point with 24. Amanda Conrad contributed 21 points. Lauren Crowell and Brin Burgin each added 6 points to the scoreboard. Maloric Homen scored 5 points. Amanda Martin added another 4 points. Britteny Martin and Gailynn Drewery each added 2 points.

The Ettes faced Hartley in the Consolation game. Groom came out to take the lead early. Amanda Conrad dunked the ball for 20 points in the match that

ended 53-20. Staci Britten added 16. Maloric Homen and Brin Burgin each added 5 to the scoreboard. Amanda Martin and Lauren Crowell each added 2 points. Britteny Martin scored 1 point.

The Ettes will compete in the Ft. Elliott Tournament this weekend. They then travel to Lefors on Tuesday, December 17.

The Tigers ran into difficulty in the game against Vega but played a very competitive game. The boys lost the game 48-36. Cody Babcock led the team in scoring with 12. Doug Fields added 11. Lance Ollinger contributed 6 to the Groom tally. Kelby Noack scored 3,

Bobby Ratterree and Cody Schaffer each added 2.

The boys played another "white knuckle" game against Texline. They ended up losing 54-51 when the final buzzer sounded.

Cody Babcock was high point with 15. Lance Ollinger put up 14 points to Groom's credit. Kelby Noack scored 8, Cody Schaffer added 7, Doug Fields 3, Chance Barkley 2 and Bobby Ratterree 2.

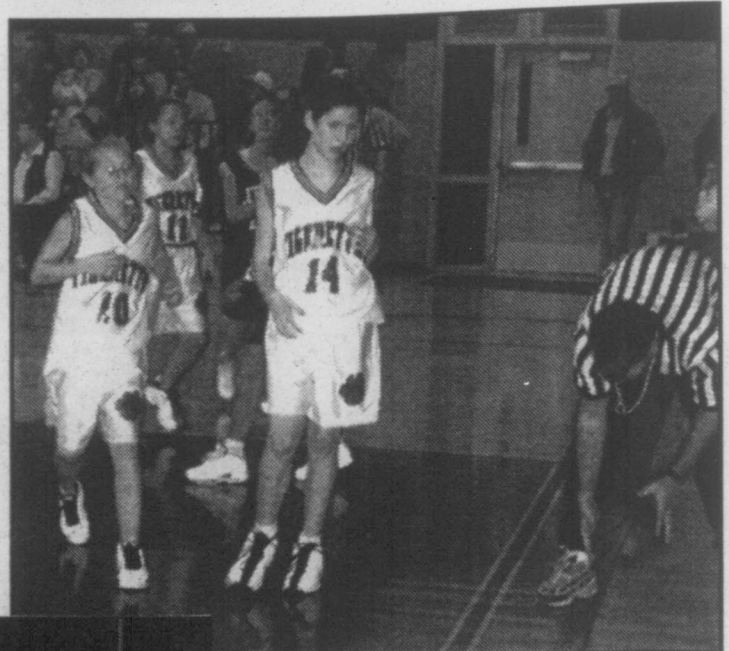
The Tigers faced off with Highland Park in the final game of the tourney.

Groom scored 24 to Highland Park's 59 points. Doug Fields led the way as high point with 12. Cody Babcock added 6 points. Cody Schaffer put up 5 and Kelby Noack 1.

The Tigers will play in the Ft. Elliott Tournament this weekend. See the bracket for times.

*(Right): Junior High girls scramble for a ball that goes out of bounds. (Below): Kendall Weller sets up after a ball is thrown out of bounds.*

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—Mother Teresa  
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## Junior High Boys & Girls Defeat Lefors

Groom Junior High Basketball teams faced off with Lefors Monday night.

The Ettes won their game handily 59-21. Kecia Howard led the scoring netting 20 points for Groom. Kirsten Fraser added another 18 to the scoreboard. Whitney Evenson scored 12 points. Karla Howard contributed 7 and Ellen Leven 2.

The boys played a very close game winning 37-27.

Chad Barkley led the scoring with 13 points. Thane Barkley scored 7 points. Kendall Weller scored 6. Blaine Britten and Kade Brown each scored 4. Tyler Fraser added 2 and Trevor Friemel 1.

The Cubs and Ettes will face Samnorwood on December 16 in Groom. The game is scheduled to begin at 6:00.

# 2002 GROOM TIGERS & ETTES

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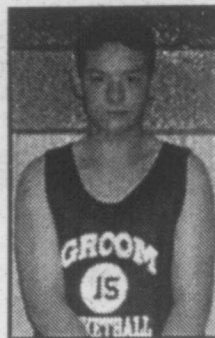
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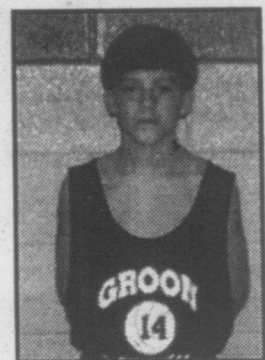
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# Services Held For Former Residents

## OBITUARY

Scott M. Shurley, 89, of Groom died Monday, November 25. Memorial service will be conducted graveside December 14, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Mr. Shurley was born August 1, 1913 in Rock Springs, Texas. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He married Charlie Marie Back November 10, 1942. She preceded him in death in 1996. He was also preceded in death by one nephew, Jessie Wayne Roberts of Abilene, Texas.

Survivors include a brother-in-law, Richard Back of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; four nieces, Loujuana Roberts Worstall of Zanesville, Ohio, Leslie Bennett of Brenhan, Texas, Halcyon Rigdon of Durham, North Carolina and Barbara Bentley of Amarillo; one nephew, Dr. Richard Back of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The family requests memorials be made to McLean Church of Christ, Abilene Christian College or Crown of Texas Hospice.

## Obituary

Janette Collins Smith, 82, of Amarillo died Saturday, December 7, 2002.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 11 in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with Dr. Jim Smith of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was Wednesday in Groom Cemetery.

"Mrs. Smitty" was born in Groom, moving to Amarillo 51 years ago. She owned and operated Smitty's Drive-In on historic Sixth Street and worked in the food industry for many years. She was a Christian.

Survivors include two sons, Wendell Wayne Smith and John R. Smith and wife, Sybil, all of Freemont, California; two daughters, Norma Greenroy of Derby, Kansas, and Joyce E. Lewellen and husband, Russell, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a brother, Gene Colins and wife, Maxine, of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, TX 79101.

## FOOTBALL

have here in Groom," said Coach Tucker.

The Six-Man District 1-1A All District Team includes: First Team Offense: Spreadback: Tanner Woods, Fr., Follett; Quarterback: Jason Hathaway, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Center: Wesley Hathaway, Ft. Elliott; Tight Ends: Josh Garcia, Sr., Lefors; Seth Meadows, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Kris Roach, Soph., Miami; Split Ends: Junior Gonzales, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Junior Newman, Jr., Ft. Elliott; Backs: Larry Lee Horn, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Kade Zybach, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Kicker: Hal Rogers, Sr., Miami.

First Team Defense members are: Linemen: Willie Hathaway, Sr., Lefors; Junior Gonzales, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Larry Lee Horn, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Linebackers: Josh Garcia, Sr., Lefors, Kade Zybach, Sr., Ft. Elliott, Hal Rogers,

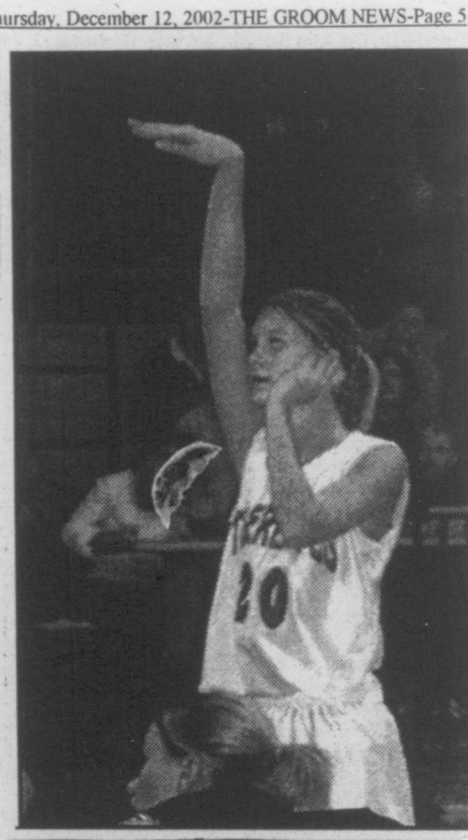
Sr., Miami; Safeties: John Stamper, Jr., Lefors; Jeffrey Browning, Jr., Miami; Punter: Blake King, Soph., Lefors.

Second Team Offense members include: Spreadback: Josh Seymour, Sr., McLean; Quarterback: Jeffrey Browning, Jr., Miami; Center: Cody Freeman, Jr., Follett; Tight Ends: Trent Cadra, Sr., McLean, Bobby Ratterree, Jr., Groom; Split Ends: Justin Blau, Jr., Follett; Brian Bell, Sr., Follett; Landon Allen, Soph., Samnorwood; Backs: Doug Fields, Sr., Groom; Willie Hathaway, Sr., Lefors; Kicker: Junior Gonzales, Sr., Ft. Elliott.

Second Team Defense players are: Lineman: Cody Freeman, Jr., Follett; Chris Brewer, Jr., Miami;

Nick Jones, Soph., McLean; Linebackers: Seth Meadows, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Doug Fields, Sr., Groom; Wesley Hathaway, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Safeties: Caleb Kirkpatrick, Sr., Ft. Elliott; Tanner Woods, Fr., Follett; Punter: Landon Allen, Soph., Samnorwood.

Superlatives: Coach of the Year: Curtis Smith, Ft. Elliott; Offensive Player of the Year: Jason Hathaway, Ft. Elliott; Defensive Player of the Year: Junior Gonzales, Ft. Elliott; Newcomer of the Year: Tanner Woods, Ft. Elliott; Team Sportsmanship: Groom.



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## Food Establishments Must Have A Certified Manager

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During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Eating establishments have already received a letter from the Texas Department of Health regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of Health must have one certified food manager. A deadline for certification set by the Texas Department of Health is March 1, 2003. New food manager certificates will be valid for 5 years.

Texas Cooperative Extension is offering Food service manager certification training in several locations across the Texas Panhandle from December through February. Dates, locations, and contact information for the certification training opportunities are:

December 18-19 - Gray County Annex, Pampa - Contact: Joan Gray -

806-669-8033  
December 19 - Bull Barn, Hereford - Contact: Beverly Harder - 806-364-3573

January 8-9 - First National Bank, Dalhart - Contact: Peggy Winegarner - 806-659-4130

January 13 & 16 (2 day training) - Gray County Annex, Pampa - Contact: Joan Gray - 806-669-8033

January 20-21 - Expo Center, Perryton - Contact: Cynthia Shattles - 806-435-4501

January 23 - County Barn, Vega - Contact: Sherry Harder - 806-267-2692

January 27-28 - First National Bank, Dalhart - Contact: Peggy Winegarner - 806-659-4130

February 10 - Gray County Annex, Pampa - Contact: Joan Gray - 806-669-8033

February 12-13 - Community Building, Dumas - Contact: Peggy Winegarner - 806-659-4130

February 18-19 - Community Center, Hereford - Contact: Beverly Harder - 806-364-3573

February 19 - Expo Center, Perryton - Contact: Cynthia Shattles - 806-435-4501

February 24-25 - Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Amarillo - Contact: Cheryl Brewer - 806-373-0713

February 25 (Test Only) - Expo Center, Perryton - Contact: Cynthia Shattles - 806-435-4501

To register for a certification training, contact the person listed to obtain a registration form. Class size is limited in all locations and registration will be accepted on first registered basis. Registration deadline for all classes is two weeks prior to the class.

Registration Costs are: 2-Day Training - \$79 per person; 1-Day Training - \$65 per person; Test Only - \$35 per person. Class registration includes participant study guide and test. Test Only registration does not include a study guide.

This program is designed to not only prepare Food service managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Food borne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills.

With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent food borne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and lawsuits due to food borne illness

By attending the course, Food service managers will learn about:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- Complying with government regulations
- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- Controlling pests

Food borne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Protection Management training program of Texas Cooperative Extension, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call your local office of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

## Elementary And Junior High Compete In District UIL Competition

The Groom Elementary and Junior High recently competed in the District 3-1A UIL Competition in Valley on November 25, 2002. Groom did a great job. They should all be very proud of their accomplishments. Here is a list of the winners:

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Creative Writing: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Amy Weinheimer, 5<sup>th</sup> - Macie Roacha, 6<sup>th</sup> Sara Kelly.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ready Writing: 1<sup>st</sup> Bekah Roskens, 6<sup>th</sup> Keeli Howard.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ready Writing: 5<sup>th</sup> - Jacob Torres.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ready Writing: 4<sup>th</sup> - Jes Roskens.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Spelling: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jesse Antrikin.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling: 4<sup>th</sup> - Tyler Case.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Number Sense: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jacob Torres.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Number Sense: 6<sup>th</sup> -Britney Evenson.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Number Sense: 1<sup>st</sup> -Josh Kelly.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics: 4<sup>th</sup> - Josh Kelly.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Listening: 5<sup>th</sup> - Tyler Case.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts: 4<sup>th</sup> -Tyler Case.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Storytelling: 6<sup>th</sup> - Chase King.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Storytelling: 3<sup>rd</sup> -Bekah Roskens, 6<sup>th</sup> - Jesse Antrikin.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dictionary Skills-3<sup>rd</sup> Tie-Britney Evenson, 5<sup>th</sup> -Tyler Case.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dictionary Skills-6<sup>th</sup> Tie-Brett Friemel

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art-4<sup>th</sup> Kassandra Brown, Samantha Clendennen, Maddie Wieberg, Myles Friemel and Heather Brown.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Art: 4<sup>th</sup> -Ricky Fehr, Alannah King, Shane King, Tyler Case and Tyler Babcock.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Memory: 2<sup>nd</sup> -Bekah Roskens, Jonathon Robinson, Taylor Fields, Keeli Howard and Trent Murray.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Memory: 2<sup>nd</sup> -Tanner

Britten, Samantha Clendennen, Michael Kelly, Jacob Torres and Maddie Wieberg.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Memory: 1<sup>st</sup> - Tyler Case, Britney Evenson, Kathryn Hendon, Ashley Murray, Jes Roskens and Korri Britten.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Memory: 2<sup>nd</sup> -Trent Britten, Ben Friemel, Ben Thompson, Josh Kelly, Kellen Weller and Trevor Friemel.

Grade Ready Writing: 1<sup>st</sup> - Michaela Roskens, 4<sup>th</sup> - Chad Barkley.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ready Writing: 2<sup>nd</sup> -Thane Barkley, 5<sup>th</sup> -Karla Howard.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling: 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chad Barkley.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling: 1<sup>st</sup> - Kecia Howard, 2<sup>nd</sup> -Karla Howard, 6<sup>th</sup> -Thane Barkley.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Number Sense: 1<sup>st</sup> - Chad Barkley.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Number Sense: 1<sup>st</sup> -Thane Barkley, 2<sup>nd</sup> -Blaine Britten.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics: 1<sup>st</sup> - Michaela Roskens, 5<sup>th</sup> -Tie-Whitney Evenson.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics: 1<sup>st</sup> tie-Kecia Howard, 1<sup>st</sup> tie-Thane Barkley.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Listening: 4<sup>th</sup> tie-Chad Barkley, 6<sup>th</sup> tie-Michaela Roskens.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Listening: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Karla Howard.

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7<sup>th</sup> Grade Oral Reading: 4<sup>th</sup> -Michaela Roskens.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Impromptu Speaking: 1<sup>st</sup> - Brandi Bates, 3<sup>rd</sup> -Kecia Howard, 4<sup>th</sup> -Karla Howard.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Modern Oratory: 4<sup>th</sup> -Kecia Howard, 6<sup>th</sup> -Kirsten Fraser.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Dictionary Skills: 5<sup>th</sup> -Chad Barkley.

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